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# R12 BEST PRACTICES IN DEALING WITH COVID-19 CRISIS (BATCH 10)



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## FOREWORD

I am pleased and honoured to share this compilation of the initiatives and best practices of the Local Government Units and Sangguniang Kabataan of Region XII against COVID-19. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> set of Best Practices we have compiled so far and it highlights the different COVID-19 responses of the Region's LGUs and SKs.

What sets apart these stories are the fact that they were successful, thanks to the spirit of public service, *bayanihan*, and volunteerism.

Since July 2020, various LGUs in SOCCSKSARGEN have been submitting narratives of their best practices against COVID-19. Purposely, they want to share their initiatives and victories in their battle and hope that these will all be replicated by other LGUs.

The Region's first batches of these best practices highlighted community responses and relief assistance, while underscoring government efforts in ensuring food stability and health security. It also featured various monitoring and tracking systems established by LGUs to facilitate contact tracing in the Region.

In the middle of the third quarter 2020, youth leaders in

the Region also begun sharing and submitting their COVID-19 responses and detailed their support to their respective communities and LGUs. Their stories put a spotlight on how they augmented the LGUs' human resources, provided food and sanitation kits to their most vulnerable sectors, offered psycho-social interventions, among others.

It is my hope that this volume of submitted and shared Best Practices becomes a useful and handy resource material and provide inspiration to other LGUs and partner agencies in our fight against COVID-19.

Indeed, this pandemic shook us to the core, in ways we have never predicted. Consequently, we all had been greatly affected and it has changed how we live our lives.

Despite it all, the Filipinos' ingenuity and resiliency shines through. This pandemic has indeed shown its might, but the Filipino people are stronger.

We will heal and recover as one, fight and come out as victors as a nation.

Lupad Dose!

**JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III Regional Director** 

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### PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT

#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

BARANGAY DAGUMA, MUNICIPALITY OF BAGUMBAYAN



#### FAMILY FOOD PACKS DISTRIBUTION

Most of the residents' source of income was negatively affected by the pandemic, which made it difficult for them to fulfill their families' basic needs. Thus, the youth leaders, barangay officials, and other barangay volunteers worked together to provide the residents of some relief goods.

The Barangay Council has also decided to use the Barangay Quick Response Fund to purchase additional relief goods for the residents. A total of 1,109 benefited this initiative.

#### INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

The Sangguniang Kabataan, together with the barangay officials, conducted information dissemination about the health safety protocols against COVID-19. This initiative was proven effective as residents were made aware of the health protocols and are seen to have been abiding to these policies.







#### SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN: BARANGAY KAPAYA, MUNICIPALITY OF BAGUMBAYAN

The Sangguniang Kabataan officials and youth volunteers assisted the barangay in conducting the following activities:

#### INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

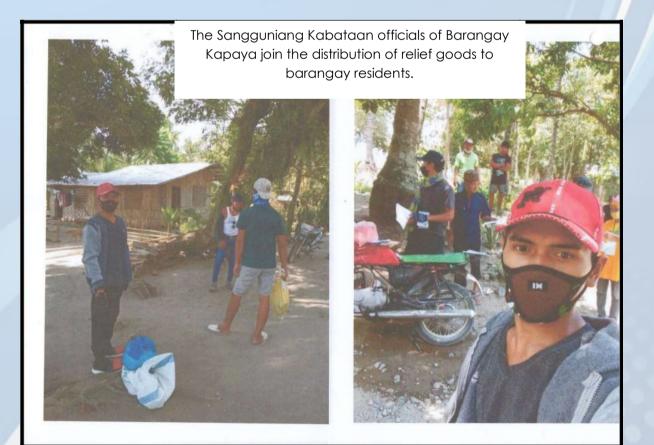
On March 20, 2020, the SK officials distributed flyers as part of the barangay's information and education initiative against COVID-19. The flyers included safety and health precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

#### **REPACKING OF FOOD ASSISTANCE**

On April 2, 2020, youth leaders and volunteers assisted the barangay officials and other frontline workers in repacking relief goods for the residents.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FACE MASKS AND FOOD PACKS

Free face masks were provided to the barangay's vulnerable sectors such as the youth and senior citizens. Frontline workers were also provided with face masks while barangay households received relief packs.



#### SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN: BARANGAY SOUTH SEPAKA, MUNICIPALITY OF BAGUMBAYAN





As assistance to the Barangay, the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay South Sepaka conducted the following:

- Profiled possible beneficiaries for the national government's SAP program;
- Distributed food packs to residents;
- Disinfected vehicles entering the barangay and the barangay's Isolation Unit;
- Served as additional manpower to monitor the barangay's Isolation Unit; and
- Conducted information dissemination regarding COVID-19, and inform residents of the safety tips and protocols set by the government (wearing of face mask, social distancing, handwashing and hand sanitizing)

All these activities were conducted last April 7 to 14, 2020 during the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine. As a result, residents were informed about COVID-19. Households were also provided with relief goods during the lockdown.

April 7, 2020. First Distribution of food packs













#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

#### Barangay Tambak, Municipality of Lambayong

The Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Tambak believes that simple actions can still make a change. Holding onto this belief, the youth leaders started to create washable face masks for their frontline workers. Together with other youth volunteers, they were able to produce enough face masks for their frontliners.

Aside from producing face masks, the youth leaders also assisted in the distribution of relief goods to their constituents through house to house distribution in adherence to the government guidelines against mass gathering. Each household placed chairs outside their homes where youth leaders and barangay employees can leave the relief goods.

Quarantine passes were also distributed to the residents to limit their movements.



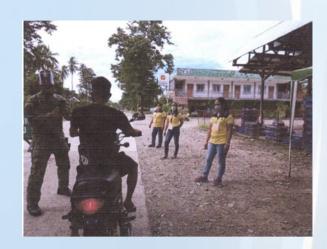
#### LGU: Municipality of Kalamansig



 Barangay Sangay Council approved
Resolution No. 11, series of 2020, which realigns the 20% Development
Fund worth Php 501, 277.50 to fund
19 programs, projects, and activities, and other related expenses for COVID-19 response,

#### **OTHER PREEMPTIVE RESPONSES:**

- Reactivation of BHERT and BDRRMC;
- Establishment of entry and exit checkpoints with adequate recording and temperature check at the Barangay Hall. Individual checkpoints were established per purok for thorough community monitoring. Rotation of duties consisted of the Barangay Council and staff, Barangay midwife, BHWs, 37IB from the Philippine Army, and Cafgu Active Auxiliary;
- BHERT and BDRRMC meetings were called as needed for major updates (social distancing and strict donning of face mask were observed);
- A cluster meeting with Barangays Sangay, Paril, and Datu Ito Andong was done to establish a rotational duty of staff at the border checkpoint of Sangay;
- Public announcement was conducted through public address (rekorida) and radio announcements;
- All Executive Orders were strictly implemented;
- Curfew hours were executed in accordance with the guidelines of the issued Executive Orders;
- Violators of the curfew and community quarantine were endorsed to the Philippine National Police;
- All identified PUMs were immediately interviewed and instructed to follow the Quarantine Protocol issued by DOH. They were monitored twice a day;
- Quarantine passes were issued to the heads of families, or identified substitute of every household; Conduct passes were issued for working residents;
- Relief goods were released as scheduled per household to avoid mass gathering;
- All standardized certificates were provided to individuals after thorough screening of their purpose for interbarangay travel; and
- 48-hour funeral rites were observed in respect for the dead and their immediate families



DepEd classes have been suspended due to COVID-19. The local government unit also suspended the sessions of their 61 daycare centers in different barangays, including its Supervised Neighborhood Play. Because of this suspension, the barangay daycare workers will not receive their monthly honorarium worth Php 2, 800.00 as the LGU implements a "no work, no pay" policy. To help the workers receive their honorarium while adhering to the said policy, they were requested to help in conducting boundary checkpoints.

PROVISION OF INCENTIVES TO USTADZ AND PASTORS DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC



LGU Kalamansig is giving incentives to their lay ministers/pastors and uztads. The limitation on mass gatherings affected their everyday life as they greatly rely from voluntary donations of their parishioners.

Since March 2020, the LGU is giving its 73 uztads and 23 pastors their monthly financial incentives of Php 863.00 and half sack of rice.

### PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO

#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:** Barangay Cannery Site, Municipality of Polomolok

The Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Cannery Site initiated a Donation Drive for families who were greatly affected by the pandemic. Last April 7 to May 9, 2020, the youth leaders were able to raise Php 73, 700.00 from various organizations and private donors, which was used to purchase vegetables, meals, and snacks for the constituents and frontline workers.

#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:** Barangay Libertad, Municipality of Surallah





In response to President Rodrigo Duterte's declaration of national public health emergency, the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Libertad assisted its barangay council in providing assistance to the residents by augmenting the prepared barangay food packs with noodles and canned goods, and providing bottles of alcohol, sanitizers, and facemasks to all barangay frontliners.









### SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:

Municipal Federation of Tboli

The Sangguniang Federation Office of the Municipality of Tboli is helping the local government unit in its fight against COVID-19. The youth leaders allocated SK funds to support each barangay's programs, projects, and activities against COVID-19. Hygiene kits were also prepared by the SK Municipal Federation for all health workers of the municipality.







### Youth: Shields and Hope in the Fight against COVID-19

On March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The Sangguniang Kabataan of the Municipality of Lake Sebu initiated programs in order to assist the local government unit in containing the spread of COVID-19.



The Sangguniang Kabataan acknowledged the importance of effective communication especially this time of pandemic. To help boost the local government's communication line down to the barangays, the SK provided 20 handheld transceiver radios to every barangay.

The Free Mask Program aims to provide free face masks to all residents who don't have, or can't afford to buy facemasks. They provided free face masks to the barangay's frontline workers, including employees of the local government, to help ensure that they are protected against COVID-19.



They also provided food packs to frontline workers assigned at different COVID outposts during ECQ, and supported the Mobile Lugaw Program, a feeding program for kids in Barangay Lamdalag, Lake Sebu.



#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

Barangay Halilan, Municipality of Lake Sebu

The Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Halilan assisted their local government unit in implementing various activities in response to the on-going pandemic, which included house to house distribution of quarantine passes, preparation and distribution of relief goods, and establishment of COVID-19 outposts.

Through the strong cooperation between the barangay and youth officials, Barangay Halilan remains COVID-19 free. Duty on outpost at Sitio Dtal-Alah during COVID 19.





During the issuance of Home Quarantrine Pass in every Sitio of Barangay Halilan.

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN: Barangay Klubi, Municipality of Lake Sebu



**BANTAY COVID-19 (March 16, 2020 to July 6, 2020).** The Bantay Covid-19 initiative was conducted to ensure that people who pass through the barangay's borders abide with the safety protocols implemented by the government. The youth leaders assisted in the implementation of this initiative by working in shifts together with the BPATs.



The youth leaders also provided food packs to families who lost their source of income due to the pandemic. The barangay's BPATs, BHWs, and other frontline workers were also provided with relief goods as a show of gratitude for their sacrifices.

To also help ensure people's nutrition this time of pandemic, the SK and Barangay Councils initiated series of feeding programs to their sitio residents. The activity aims to reduce people's hunger and boost their immune systems to prevent from acquiring COVID-19 or other diseases. Youth leaders from Barangays Lamlahak, Lamcade, and Luhib, Lake Sebu assisted their respective barangay local government units by serving as additional human resource in Implementing various local initiatives. These include conducting checkpoint duties in outposts to ensure people's compliance to the governsafety guidelines ment's against COVID-19, repacking and house to house delivery of relief goods to their respective residents to avoid mass gathering, and encoding of SAC forms for the implementation of the national government's Social Amelioration Program.

**SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:** 

Municipality of Lake Sebu Barangay Lamcade Barangay Lamlahak Barangay Luhib





SAP Distribution at Barangay Luhib

URING REPACKING (WITH BHW, BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND SK OFFICIALS)









Barangay Lamcade





Relief distribution at Barangay Lamlahak

#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

Municipality of Lake Sebu Barangay Ned Barangay Talisay BarangayTakunel Barangay Poblacion Barangay Upper Maculan Sangguniang Kabataan officials from Barangays Ned, Talisay, Takunel, Poblacion, and Upper Maculan of Lake Sebu conducted the following activities to support the efforts in their respective communities:

Boundary checkpoints to monitor people's movement and those who enter their respective barangays





Provision of relief goods to ensure that their constituents have food to eat this time of pandemic







Lubo Checkpoint. Border to Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat

Distribution of hygiene kits for elementary schools and barangay hall employees of Barangay Lamlahak







The SK Council of Barangay Poblacion provided two boxes of bond paper as additional materials for their class modules, and one gallon of alcohol and hand sanitizers to each of its elementary and high school teachers.

#### **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:** Barangay Lamdalag, Municipality of Lake Sebu

The Sangguniang Kabataan officials, together with the Barangay Council and youth volunteers, conducted various activities to help alleviate their residents' worries caused by the pandemic.

After the declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, the youth and barangay council officials agreed to allocate funds for COVID-19 response. These funds were used to purchase relief goods, produce face masks, and feeding programs for children (Mobile Lugaw Program).









#### SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF SOUTH COTABATO

**Best Practice Against Covid -19 Pandemic** 

### "Tabang Probinsya Kontra Corona"

People's usual lifestyle drastically changed since the World Health Organization declared Covid-19 as a global pandemic. In the Province of South Cotabato, borders were shutdown, travels were banned, and people were mandated to stay at home.

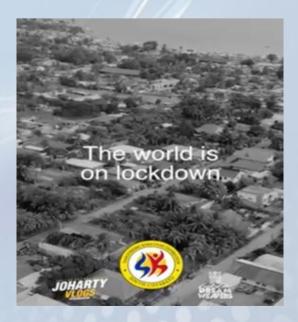
True to its call to ensure the people's general welfare, the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation of South Cotabato (SKPFSC), with the support of the Provincial Government, launched "Tabang Probinsya Kontra Corona." The project, which is literally translated as "Helping the Province against COVID", aims to support the province's initiatives in ensuring the health and safety of their constituents.

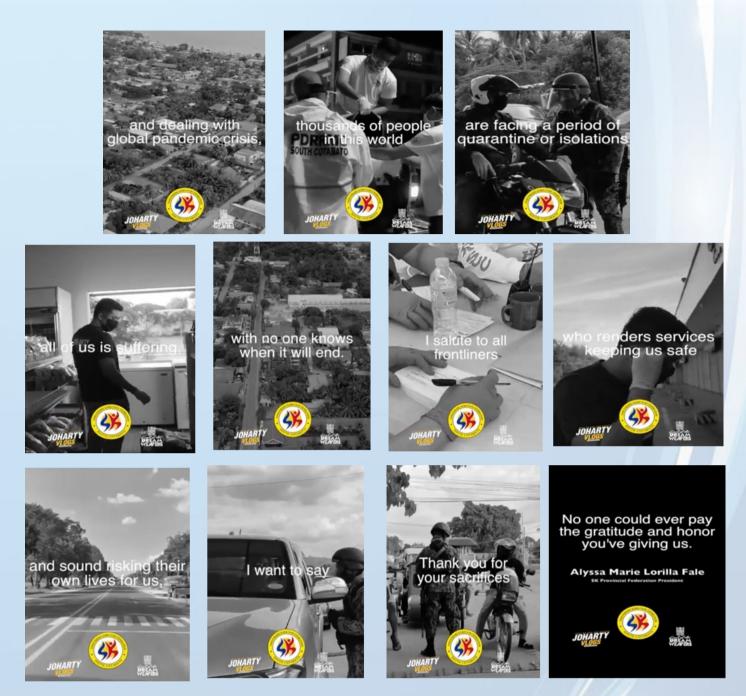
Considering the limited resources of some barangays, the SKPFSC, through the initiative of Hon. Alyssa Marie L. Fale, and full support of Governor Reynaldo S. Tamayo Jr., provided essential support to the people of South Cotabato and its frontliners to combat this on-going crisis.

Through "Tabang Probinsya Kontra Corona", SKPFSC was able to implement the following best practices:

Educational Information, Prevention Dissemination about Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) and Support to the Frontliners as "Sa aming mga bagong Bayani"

 This campaign aims to honor the sacrifices of the frontliners in the province of South Cotabato.





**Repacking of Food Packs and relief goods distribution** – Through this initiative, the SKPFSC was able to help the barangays provide food to their residents, especially to those who lost their jobs due to this pandemic.



#### Distribution of Masks and Alcohols/Sanitizers to Municipal Federations and Frontliners – The Provincial Federation President provided free alcohols, sanitizers, and face masks to all Municipal SK Federation officers and frontline workers while securing barangay borders within the province to ensure their safety this time of pandemic.













Home Photo Story Contest and Home Vlogging Contest – The Provincial Federation of Sto. Niño and SK Council of M. Roxas, headed by Hon. Fale, initiated a Photo Story and Vlogging contest. Winners were given Php 500 worth of groceries as prizes.



Monitoring duties at Checkpoint and Outposts going in and out of Sto. Niño to Sultan Kudarat – The SKMF and Barangay Council of Sto. Niño worked together to ensure that those who pass through the South Cotabato-Sultan Kudarat boundary follows the government's health safety protocols.

Most viewed vlog and got the highest number of reaction: 10%



Full implementation of South Cotabato's Contact Tracing System (SC-CCTS) to ensure the province's fight against the spread of Covid-19 disease.—youth leaders assisted in the early implementation of the provincial government's contact tracing system as the province prepares for the reopening of its borders and operation of businesses.

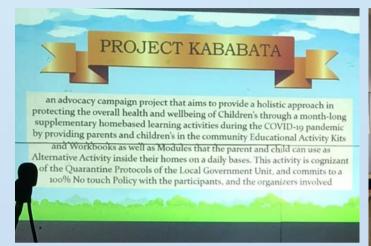








Ongoing Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation regular and special sessions. – Regular and Special Sessions were also conducted to further discuss information about COVID-19 and how to combat it, and other strategic plans, such as Project Kababata, which aims to protect children's wellbeing by conducting month-long, home-based learning activities during this time of pandemic.

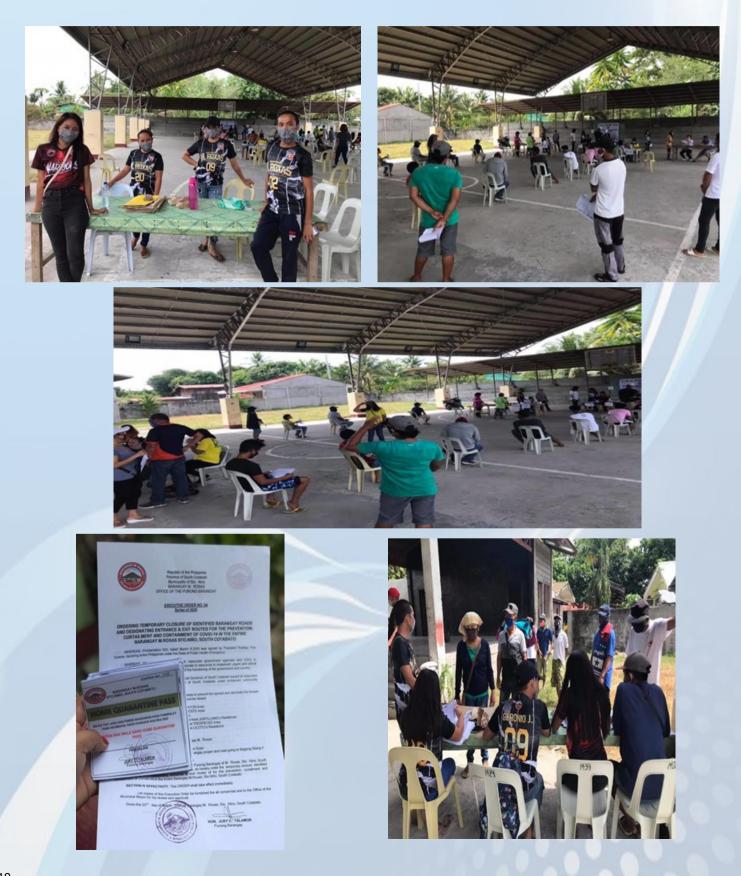








Data gathering of qualified recipient of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) in the Municipality of Sto. Niño and assisting the Barangay council in the distribution of Quarantine Pass.—Youth leaders assisted barangay council members in the Municipality of Sto. Nino in surveying possible qualified recipients of the national government's Social Amelioration Program, and submitted the list to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. They also assisted in the distribution of quarantine passes to residents of the barangays.



Vegetable, meal, and snacks distribution to the frontliners as well as to the kids of nearby barangays. – The Sangguninag Kabataan Federation President of Sto. Niño, together with her SK council, provided packed meals and snacks to the town's frontliners and nearby barangays, including those who are assigned at checkpoints and outposts.









### LGU: South Cotabato

### MalasaKits: Food goodies in colorful bags distributed to stranded passengers



Even during distress, stranded passengers will smile, thanks to the free swag brought by the colorful loot bags lovingly prepared by the staff of the Provincial Tourism Office of South Cotabato. These loot bags were distributed to the Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) fetched by the local government from Cagayan De Oro City. Inside these loot bags are

simple bundle of joy they can munch while enduring the eight-hour trip back to South Cotabato after their two-night 2Go accommodation from Manila.

The Provincial General Services Office delivered four large boxes of assorted food items to the Tourism Office for the incoming stranded passengers. Dubbed as MalasaKits, South Cotabato localizes the Department of Tourism's food kits which are handed out to arriving LSIs at airports and seaports as a form of the "Filipino Brand of Service".

The loot bags feature the province's brand name, Land of the Dreamweavers, and its colors that depict the Dreamweavers' love, compassion, and purity.

### IPHO's stress debriefing for personnel

South Cotabato's Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) conducted Stress Debriefing led by discussants Eldon Hans Serame, RRT, Senior Health Program Officer for Mental Health of the Department of Health – Center for Health and Development (DOH-CHD) 12 and Sheena Calendro, Counselor of HACT – IPHO.



The activity was an offshoot to lessen the stress, worries, and anxieties of their personnel.

Since the topic is confidential in nature, participants were requested to adhere to the house rules which include non-disclosure of debriefing sessions. Each session lasted for an hour with each participant opening up their individual worries and stresses and likewise sharing how they were able to cope with it.

### IPHO conducts Seminar on Social Stigma, Crisis Communication for Media

With the rising social stigma on Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) or Persons diagnosed positive of the Corona Virus Disease (CoViD-19), the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) conducted a Lecture-Seminar on So-Stiama and Crisis cial Communication to broadcasters of local radio stations across the province to seek their help as community influencers.

IPHO acknowledges that the impact of stigma can

drive people to hide the illness to avoid discrimination and prevent them from seeking immediate health care. Thus, through the lecture-seminar, participants were reminded that "words matter". Participants were taught to avoid certain negative connotating words such as "infecting others" or "spreading the virus", and rather use better and appropriate terms such as "acquiring" or "contracting the virus". Furthermore, South Co-

tabato believes that collaboration between the government's crisis management team and media is essential in providing first, right, and credible information to gain control of the situation and win public's trust before speculations and rumors dilute the authority. This strong coordination between two sectors can help people better understand the current crisis situation, engage with the community and lead mass action.

### LGU: Municipality of Tampakan

### Tampakan's strategies to combat the COVID-19 crisis

Preparedness in time of crisis has been part of Mayor Leonard Escobillo's priority. Last November 2019, Mayor Escobillo already started the community based emergency response which he dubbed as, "Crisis Management in the Community".

When Covid-19 became a threat, Mayor Escobillo activated the sectoral approach in implementing the preventive measures as prescribed by WHO and IATF. By the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, Mayor Escobillo, through Executive Order No. 16, defined the roles of each sector to contain and prevent the spread of COVID 19 in the community.

Steps taken:

1. Conducted sectoral meeting and defined the role of each sector in the containment and preventive measures against COVID -19. The sectoral meeting was an orientation of the details of what must be done in the establishments, schools, barangay and checkpoints of Tampakan. By this initiative, wider group of people was reached and made aware of the needed precaution for the impending pandemic. (March 14, 2020).



2. Infection control management training to all Frontliners, which included the checkpoint volunteers and emergency response team. As early as March 17, Mayor Leonard Escobillo conducted a simulation on donning and doffing procedure for the rescue team to ensure their safety while responding to Covid patients. He oriented them on the importance of strict protocols on Social Distancing, Handwashing and Wearing of Mask.





3. Tampakan also implemented the strict monitoring of all the entry points of the municipality. Further, Mayor Escobillo closed some entry points to ensure that nobody can enter Tampakan without the knowledge and monitoring of the LGU. This strategy made the process of Tampakan easier to monitor.

4. On March 13, 2020, Mayor Leonard Escobillo established his own system of monitoring all the returnees of Tampakan by putting up a monitoring team in his office. He also set up the FB page for OFWs of Tampakan so that they can directly inform the LGU if they plan to return to their respective homes.





5. To ensure that Tampakan can sustain the health of Frontliners during Pandemic Response, Mayor Escobillo secured the PPE of all the frontliners of the municipality. He also prioritized the stockpiling of food be supplied to all the volunteers.

Mayor Escobillo also operationalized the Municipal Survival Garden to ensure the food security of the people.



6. Tampakan also enhanced the communication system within the municipality by installing a radio communication network for each checkpoint.

7. During the lockdown period, when the people of Tampakan, whose works are outside of the municipality and have a hard time commuting, Mayor Escobillo established the Tampakan's quarters in Koronadal. A pension house was rented by the LGU to accommodate essential workers who need to work during the ECQ.





8. Mayor Leonard Escobillo, oriented the barangays and all frontliners on cluster management plan. This will be the basis of lockdown per barangay incase there will be a positive case. Mayor Escobillo is very particular of the preparedness of each constituent, hence he created a local system of clustered lockdown so as not to hamper the whole economic activities of Tampakan.





9. Distributed food packs which include the products of local sellers and producers. Mayor Escobillo ensured that the local economy will still be maintained, hence he purchased local products and included vegetables in the food packs distribution.



10. The Oplan Yawyaw and Sita of the local PNP was also in place. To ensure awareness of the risk of Covid -19 and the importance of wearing a mask, physical distancing and infection control management, PNP Tampakan has been tasked since March 15 to roam around daily on a public address. To Mayor Escobillo, the safety becomes a culture if people will take seriously and adhere to health protocols.







11.During the lockdown, the essential needs of senior citizens and other vulnerable sectors were taken cared of by the LGU to include medicines and free transport of patients undergoing dialysis.



12. In the public market of Tampakan, Mayor Escobillo assigned different market days to prevent overcrowding. The LGU also conducted Market on Wheels during the ECQ days.

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Note: Barangay with asterisk (\*) catered by Tampakan th Koronadal City.









14. Hug from a distance alternative welcome program of Tampakan to all returning residents. 13. Within 2 months, the survival Garden of Tampakan is already producing vegetables and were distributed to every barangay for free.

The project aims to produce the local products. Mayor Escobillo is well aware that the impacts of the pandemic are unemployment and economic crisis.





15.Positive reinforcement program for frontliners including the Punong Barangays, drivers, BHWs, volunteers and even garbage collectors.





16. In support to the online classes of Department of Education and in response to the students' need, the LGU will put up a Communication Tower per Barangay and a designated area for the students with PC and connectivity.

### PROVINCE OF COTABATO

### Sangguniang Kabataan: Municipality of Aleosan

#### Repacking and distribution of relief goods



In partnership with the Catholic Youth of Aleosan, the Sangguniang Kabataan Municipal Federation of Aleosan volunteered to repack and distribute the relief goods for the constituents of Aleosan. This initiative aims to address the basic needs of the residents, especially of the poorest of the poor, this time of pandemic. A total of 12, 500 families benefited from the initiative. The SK Municipal President also provided relief goods to 190 SK officials.

DIY face masks and shields, and free snacks for frontline workers

The SK officials produced face masks and face shields for the town's frontline workers to protect them from acquiring the disease. A total of 300 pieces of face masks and face shields were produced by the SK officials and distributed to the frontline workers.



They also provided free snacks to their frontline workers during the first week of the implementation of the Enhanced



Community Quarantine as a simple gesture of their appreciation to the town's frontline workers.

#### Stranded Sagip Aleosanon Program



The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction personnel, SK Municipal Federation President, and the Incident Command System personnel acted as contact persons for stranded Aleosanons. At least 399 Aleosanons were fetched (LSIs, ROFs, and those who were stranded in nearby LGUs).

#### **Production of IEC Materials**

The SK Federation suggested to produce IEC materials during the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine to help in the awareness campaign of the LGU against COVID-19.

These materials were installed in the strategic places of the municipality.



#### Distribution of hygiene kits and vitamins to vulnerable sectors



To help ensure the safety of children, infants, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and senior citizens this time of pandemic, the SK officials provided hygiene kits and vitamins to these vulnerable sectors.

Four hundred sixty senior citizens from Barangay San Matero were provided with 30 pieces of multivitamins each.

Infants and children aged 0 to 6 months and 6 to 12 years old, respectively, were also provided with vitamin drops and syrup to boost their immune systems. The activity was conducted with the assistance of the RHU nurses and other frontline workers. At least 430 infants and children benefited from the initiative.

Meanwhile, the SK officials partnered with Bwas Damlag Organization to provide 54 packs of hygiene kits and masks to 54 identified PWDs of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.





### Sangguniang Kabataan:

Barangay Luhong, Municipality of Antipas

### **Recorida and Distribution of Relief Packs and Facemasks**



In response to the on-going pandemic, the SK officials of Barangay Luhong worked together with barangay officials to fast-track the implementation of government interventions to alleviate the socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

In support to the LGU's initiatives, the SK officials provided free face masks and distributed relief goods to 200 youth and frontliners in the barangay.

They also conducted IEC campaign through a recorida to inform the ba-

rangay's 400 households of the different health protocols implemented by the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Leaflets were also provided to the residents for information about the said disease.

Through the partnership of the SK and barangay officials, they were able to limit the residents' movements.



### Sangguniang Kabataan:

### Barangay Naje, Municipality of Arakan

### Adopt a Family Program (Kapwa ko Sagot Ko)

Initiated by the Philippine National Police of Arakan and SK officials of Naje, the program aims to provide the basic needs of the poorest of the poor.



### Sangguniang Kabataan:

Barangay San Miguel, Municipality of Arakan



### **Extend your Hands**

The "Extend your hands" campaign of Barangay San Miguel youth aims to support the local government in its initiatives against COVID-19.

The SK officials conducted various information and education campaign about the policies and health guidelines set by the government to prevent the spread of the virus. Safety reminders were installed in the barangay's strategic areas and posted on social media. They also provided relief packs to the residents.

### Sangguniang Kabataan:

Barangay Sumalili, Municipality of Arakan

### Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Barangay

The SK officials, together with the Barangay Local Government Unit and volunteers, established checkpoints and outposts to ensure the safety and well-being of the constituents.

Strict boundary measures were implemented since the barangay is situated along the boundaries of Kitaotao, Bukidnon and Davao.

The BIDA Solution against COVID-19 was aggressively advocated by them. Through the initiative, residents are informed of the minimum health standards which they have to follow as part of their responsibility to protect the community and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### **BIDA stands for:**

B—Bawal walang maskI—I-sanitize ang mga kamay, iwas hawak sa mga bagay

**D**—Dumistansya ng isang metro

A—Alamin ang totoong impormasyon



## Sangguniang Kabataan:

## Barangay Doroluman, Municipality of Arakan

# **Our Mission is your Health**

The Local Government Unit of Doroluman implemented various preventive measures and strategies aligned with the protocols mandated by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and the Department of Health to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of the constituents.

#### 1. Tsismis Kontra COVID-19 Program

A recorida dubbed as "Oplan Yawyaw" initiated by the BLGU and supported by the Doroluman youth aims to provide awareness about the preventive measures of COVID-19. This was executed to inform the public of the guidelines and safety protocols set by the government.

#### 2. Various Social Intervention Programs

#### Volunteer Ko, Pangalagaan Ko Program

This initiative provided SKs and volunteers one kilo of rice, goods and commodities, medicines and PPEs.



#### **Calamity Assistance**

The youth assisted in the distribution of relief goods prepared by the BLGU, PLGU, and DSWD to help sustain the basic needs of the residents, especially those who lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

#### Social Amelioration Program Distribution

The SK officials and youth volunteers conducted house to house interviews and assisted in the encoding of SAP and distribution of the financial subsidy to identified beneficiaries.



SK on Duty: Implementation of Curfew Hour, Quarantine Security, and Border Checkpoints

The SK joined the Barangay officials, BPATs, and other selected volunteers to ensure the strict implementation of curfew hours, and helped guard the LGU's quarantine facilities and borders.



### **SK Kusina Time**

The youth assisted in preparing the meals for the barangay's frontline workers.





#### **Establishment of Isolation Facility**

Doroluman youth assisted the LGU in preparing the LGU's isolation facilities for the arrival of the PUMs, PUIs, LSIs, and ROFs.

#### Information Campaign

The SK and barangay officials conducted information campaign about the minimum health standards set by the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19.





SK Linis Ko, Paligid Ko Program

A clean-up activity which aims to maintain the cleanliness of the barangay.

## **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

## Barangay Katipunan, Municipality of Mlang

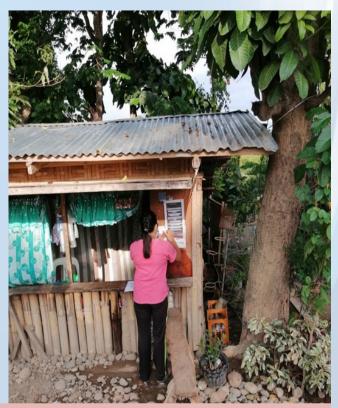
# Stay Away, Stay Protected, Stay Safe!



Assisted in the construction of the barangay's isolation facility.



Brigada-Bayanihan



Information Education Campaign

To inform their constituents about COVID-19, the SK officials posted flyers in conspicuous places.

 Assisted in the repacking and distribution of relief goods

To ensure that social distancing and mass gathering is avoided, the SK and barangay officials decided to deliver the relief goods straight to their constituents' homes.



# 3-Month Contingency Plan to Combat COVID-19



officials, which was later approved for implementation.

Through the plan, the LGU was able to establish their isolation and staff quarantine facilities and conducted other preparatory activities including training for RHU medical staff on proper handling of COVID-19 suspected, probable, and confirmed cases, swab and rapid testing; and proper waste disposal training for utility workers. All RHU staff were also trained on psychosocial intervention.

The Local Government Unit of Mlang is one



As member of the Health and Education Cluster against COVID-19, the Rural Health Unit of Mlang took part in the preparation and finalization of the Municipality's three-month preparedness and response plan against the disease.

The RHU identified the local government unit's resource gaps, which includes concerns on manpower, facilities, and other protective equipment against the disease, among others. A work and financial plan was submitted by the cluster members to local



with the nation in battling COVID-19. By maximizing the use of its various resources, LGU -Mlang has proven that it puts the health and safety of every Mlangeño above all.

## Mlang RHU Annex converted as First Class, State of the Art COVID-19 Isolation Facility

The Local Government Unit of Mlang, through the Municipal Health Office, identified two isolation facilities and one quarantine facility in anticipation for the possible surge of COVID-19 cases in the coming months.

The LGU identified its Rural Health Unit Annex Building at Barangay New Rizal and the new building of Mlang District Hospital to be converted into COVID-19 isolation facilities for patients with mild COVID-19 symptoms. Meanwhile, the town's Bahay Pag-asa was temporarily transformed into a quarantine facility for the LGUs' health workers who will be assigned to work at the Isolation Facilities.



The COVID-19 Isolation Facility was promptly prepared and adequately equipped to deliver proper medical services to COVID-19 positive patients following the standards set by the Department of Health (DOH). This isolation facility features the following:

- Uninterrupted access to electricity, potable water source, and sewer line;
- 16 rooms dedicated to COVID-19 patients which could cater up to 22 persons;
- Each patient room is provided with bed and mattress, shower room, and toilet;
- Fully air-conditioned rooms for both patients and staff;
- Free internet connection for patients and staff;
- Appliances provided: cable TV and refrigerator;
- Separate entrance and exit for patients and staff;
- 3 divided zones:

Contaminated zone – for patient admission and containment Buffer zone – area for doffing of PPEs, decontamination, and hand hygiene

Sterile zone – holding area and entrance of healthcare workers and area for donning of PPEs

- Free meals for both patients and staff on duty;
- Availability of essential medicines and medical supplies for supportive treatment and emergency care;
- Adequate PPEs for both patients and staff;
- Utility personnel dedicated to segregate, collect, and handle all wastes generated by the facility;
- Laundry services; and
- Tight security measures provided by Mlang PNP and the Philippine Army;

The LGU allotted php 7, 500,000.00 to complete the RHU Annex Building improvements and Php 2, 300, 000.00 for the Bahay Pag-asa.

After a month of rigorous modification and improvements, the Mlang RHU Annex Building was transformed into a state-of-the-art, COVID-19 Isolation Facility. On May 8, 2020, the LGU officially launched the facilities' operation, and on May 27, the LGU admitted its first COVID-19 positive patient where he was properly received and treated until he tested negative for COVID-19. He was successfully discharged last July 11.



The success in containing the first COVID-19 positive case in Mlang can be attributed to the proactive LGU plan implementation.

Our country may be a nation of limited resources, but surely, when LGUs would take by heart their mandate to mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner, local transmission of COVID-19 can be avoided.

# LGU: Municipality of M'lang



## Barangay-Based Quarantine Facilities for PUMs

The influx of LSIs and ROFs overwhelmed the capacity of the Municipality of M'lang to admit and monitor PUMs in its quarantine facility. Should this pandemic continue to exist indefinitely, having only one isolation/quarantine facility would not be enough to cater all its returning LSIs and ROFs. In response to this concern, the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) initiated the identification and preparation of an area/facility to serve as a Quarantine Area.

The BHERTs of the 37 barangays of the municipality of Mlang prepared their own quarantine facilities to house their respective persons under monitoring (PUMs). Quarantine

facilities were promptly identified around the barangay area such as, but not limited to, health centers, daycare centers, multipurpose halls, evacuation centers, senior citizen halls, and even newly constructed buildings.

Through this initiative, the LGU was able to maximize the municipality's capacity to house its PUMs.



PUMs were able to stay conveniently in these facilities while on a quarantine.

## **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

## Barangay New Antique, Municipality of M'lang

As the pandemic arise, constituents of Barangay New Antique are advised to stay at home and abide with the safety protocols of LGU-M'lang such as wearing of face mask, handwashing, using alcohols and sanitizers, and physical distancing.



**REPACKING OF RICE SUBSIDY** 

SK Officials, Katipunan Ng Kabataan Members and Barangay Health Workers during the repacking of the rice subsidy for the residents at the New Antique Barangay Hall Extension last May 20, 2020

#### **QUARANTINE FACILITY**

The Isolation Facility prepared by Barangay New Antique for its residents who will undergo a 14-day mandatory quarantine. This photo was taken last June 20,2020.

As a modest contribution, the SK officials conducted information campaign against COVID-19 by posting of flyers. They also assisted in the repacking and distribution of relief goods, and helped in the construction of the barangay's quarantine facility. They assisted in the implementation of the Balik Probinsya program of the Provincial Government of Cotabato.

The SK leaders, who were previously trained on psycho-social intervention through UNICEF, a nongovernment organization, also conducted house visitation and counseling to the youth.



A HOUSE TO HOUSE DISTRIBUTION OF RICE SUBSIDY

House to house distribution of relief goods. This photo was taken at Purok 2, Barangay New Antique last June 05,2020.



## **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

Barangay Sagcungan, Municipality of President Roxas



## AKSYON PARA COVID-19 SK of Barangay Sagcungan, President Roxas, Cotabato

Tumulong sa paghahanda ng ipapamahaging bigas ng barangay ang mga SK at KK Volunteers.



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Ipinamahagi na ng mga SK at KK ang kanilang tulong na pantawid gutom dulot ng COVID-19 Pandemic sa mga Kabahayan.



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# Barangay Sagcungan, President Roxas, Cotabato

Tumulong sa pagbabantay ang mga SK at KK Volunteers sa check-point ng Barangay.





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SK of Barangay Sagcungan, President Roxas, Cotabato

Boluntaryong tumulong sa pagmamahagi ang mga SK at KK sa ipamimigay na bigas na ayuda ng Barangay para sa mga apektadong pamilya dulot ng COVID-19.



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## PROVINCE OF SARANGANI

## **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**

## Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Alabel

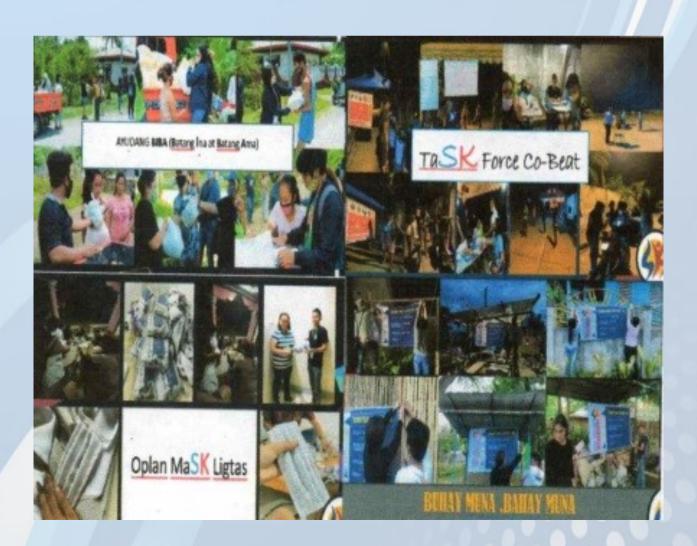
During the Third Regular Session of the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Poblacion, Alabel, the council approved a Resolution which allots Php 1,100,000.00 to fund their programs, projects, and activities against COVID-19. The said Resolution was furnished to the Office of the Municipal Budget Officer and Sangguniang Bayan.

#### Task Force Co-Beat (outpost/checkpoint)

#### Mask, a Must (Mask Making)

The Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Chairperson, headed by Barangay Kagawad Richard Sibugan, assigned the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Poblacion and other youth volunteers to assist the Barangay Tanods and Barangay Lupon in implementing curfew hours. The youth leaders and volunteers man the checkpoint from 8:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning.

Due to the increasing demand and limited supply of face masks in the municipality, and anywhere in the province, the youth leaders produced 500 reusable face masks for their residents. Members of the Katipunan ng Kabataan and other youth who are living in far-flung, poor communities were prioritized.



#### Kabataan Oplan Hugas (Alcohol Distribution)

To ensure that residents have supply of alcohol at home, the youth leaders provided them with free alcohol. At least 300 bottles of alcohol were provided to the constituents.

#### Salamat Po (Snacks and Vitamins Distribution for Frontliners)

Frontline workers were given snacks and vitamins as a show of gratitude for their sacrifices. At least 90 frontliners also received Php 500.00 allowance from the young leaders.

#### Ayudang BIBA (Batang Ina at Batang Ama)

Based on the Barangay data, most young parents with children five years old and below are jobless. With the current pandemic and implementation of Community Quarantine, it will be more difficult for these young parents to provide for their children. As a result, the SK Council provided each young family with 10 kilos of rice and Php 300.00 worth of grocery items. At least 1,500 families benefited from this initiative.

#### Bahay Muna, Buhay Muna (Info Care-Drive)

The SK Council conducted information education campaign about COVID-19 and how to prevent the spread of the disease in the community.

